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# Big Red One & Fort Riley Community Update

## NOTES FROM LT. COL. CHRISTIAN KUBIK, 1ST INF. DIV. AND FORT RILEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

Thank you for your continued support of Fort Riley and the Big Red One, at the individual and community levels. Your support makes a big difference in how the troops and their families feel not just about the area, but about the Army as a whole. We have many new Soldiers arriving for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, and your continued support and enthusiasm really helps.

**"3rd & 3rd" Update:** The Bulldog Brigade (3rd Bde., 1st Armored Division) continues its build up at a rate of about 150 Soldiers per week. The Brigade's activation /

modularization ceremony is scheduled for April 17.

On April 19, our 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Div. will activate at Fort Hood, Texas as well. 3/1 IN is scheduled to deploy from Texas sometime next year, return, and eventually move to Fort Knox, Ky. as its permanent station. The 1st Infantry Div. has training and readiness oversight of 3/1 ID while at Fort Hood.

As always, feel free to contact my office with any questions or concerns related to Fort Riley or the Big Red One. Duty First!

*Lt. Col. Christian Kubik*

## NOTES FROM APRIL BLACKMON, COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER

I am very pleased the first edition of this newsletter was shared with so many different people throughout the state. You are valued neighbors and friends of Fort Riley and the Big Red One, and we will work hard to continue to keep you updated.

In our efforts to improve communications with you, we have created a Web page titled "Keeping Communities Informed." This page can be found at [www.riley.army.mil](http://www.riley.army.mil) and includes the latest copy of this newsletter, a copy of the monthly Fort Riley Status Report, as well as links to the latest news, photos and video clips about the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley.

We are always looking for ways to keep our neighbors better informed. If you ever have any suggestions or ideas on what you would like to learn more about or how we can communicate better, please do not hesitate to contact me at [april.blackmon@us.army.mil](mailto:april.blackmon@us.army.mil).

*April M. Blackmon*

## Approximate population figures

	Sept. '05	Sept. '06	FY 2011
Soldiers	10,060	12,533	18,300
Family members	12,714	15,695	25,660
On Post	7,751	7,854	
Off Post	4,963	7,841	17,740
Civilian Employees	5,805	8,089*	6,800
Retirees	19,752	19,928	unknown
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,331</b>	<b>56,245</b>	<b>~70,000</b>

\* Includes temporary contractors for peak construction period.

## Transition Teams, deployments remain top missions

### TRANSITION TEAM TRAINING



Sgt. Charles Lairson (left) and Sgt. Nicholas Gilveli, both of Fort Riley's 1st Bn., 16th Inf., lay on the ground guarded by Master Sgt. Varon Martinez, TT Class 16. The Fort Riley Soldiers played the role of insurgents during a graduated response technique exercise late February at Moon Lake.

The Transition Team mission eventually will move away from Fort Riley. Yes, this is true, but really not news. We have known from the start this mission would be here on a somewhat temporary basis. "Temporary" right now means that we will have the mission for the foreseeable future.

We will train about 4,500 active duty, National Guard and Reserve Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen this year. These servicemembers train at Fort Riley for 60 days before heading to Iraq or Afghanistan. Their mission is to advise, teach and mentor Iraqi Security Forces and the Afghan National Army.

Numbers as of Feb. 28:	Currently training	Trained & deployed	Total
<b>Operation Iraqi Freedom</b>	946	1234	2180
<b>Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)</b>	863	501	1364
<b>Total servicemembers</b>	1632	1912	3544

### DEPLOYED/DEPLOYING UNITS

Our active duty strength on post is about 13,000, but about 6,000 of those Soldiers are deployed. That is a considerable number, and we ask that you keep these Soldiers and their families back home in your thoughts. If you can, please come to our deployment and redeployment (welcome back) ceremonies – they are always open to the public (see p. 4 for ceremony dates).

#### Currently deployed (about 6,000 Soldiers total):

- 774<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Company (EOD) (Afghanistan)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Company
- 1<sup>st</sup> Engineer Battalion
- HHC, 541<sup>st</sup> Combat Support Sustainment Battalion
- Companies B and C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 16<sup>th</sup> Inf., 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade
- Companies B and C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 34<sup>th</sup> Armor, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade
- Batteries B and D, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade
- Troop D, 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade
- HHD, 97<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion
- Individual elements, 10th Air Support Operations Squadron
- 4th Inf. Brigade Combat Team
- 977th Military Police Company
- 70th Engineer Battalion (Afghanistan)
- 97th Military Police Bn. working dog teams



Pfc. Kevin Barker, from Company B, 70th Engineer Battalion, kisses his son, Samuel, on the forehead following the unit's Feb. 23 deployment ceremony. The 70th Engineer Battalion is on its third rotation in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The unit is part of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

#### Scheduled to deploy throughout 2007 (specific timeframes vary):

- 24th Transportation Co., approx. 170
- F Det., 15th Finance Bn., approx. 20
- Headquarters, 1st Sustainment Bde., approx. 250
- 2-2 Heavy Equipment Transportation Det., approx. 50
- Combat Aviation Bde., approx. 2,300
- 266th Movement Control Team, approx. 20

## DIVISION COMPOSITION

**1st Infantry Division Headquarters** is scheduled to modularize in fiscal year 2008, growing from 340 to 850 Soldiers. The headquarters oversees the brigades listed below.

**1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team** has the lead for the Fort Riley Transition Team training mission. The brigade has provided approximately 850 Soldiers as cadre for this mission. Additionally, the brigade has nearly 1,650 Soldiers deployed as security force elements to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Approximately 150 Soldiers from Co. A, 1st Battalion, 16th Inf., returned from the Horn of Africa March 26.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 1st Infantry Division** will stand up at Fort Hood, Texas, modularize into an infantry brigade combat team and eventually will be stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. An activation ceremony is scheduled for April 19 at Fort Hood. Their end strength will be 3,400. Currently, they have no deployment orders.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division** are building up to 3,800 personnel this year and will become a

Almost 200 armored vehicles returned to Fort Riley March 2, including some 60 M1A2 Abrams tanks. Civilian contract employees at the post railhead unloaded the vehicles off the trains.



Lt. Col. Patrick Frank and Command Sgt. Maj. Cliff Dockter of the 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Reg. "Black Lions" uncase the unit's colors in

Heavy Brigade Combat Team. A modularization ceremony is scheduled for April 17 at Fort Riley. Tanks, Bradleys and other heavy vehicles are returning. In the fall, the brigade is scheduled to reflag as the 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. Currently, no deployment orders have been received. The brigade also maintains command and control for the 70th Engineer Battalion, which recently departed to Afghanistan.

**4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team** and its 3,400 Soldiers are deployed to Iraq and are conducting operations in the Baghdad area.

**Combat Aviation Brigade** currently has approximately 2,200 Soldiers assigned. The brigade currently has 38 Black Hawks, 18 Apaches and 8 Chinooks at Fort Riley — the number fluctuates as aircraft go through maintenance and reset rotations. The unit is expecting nearly 120 aircraft total, including Kiowas. This medium aviation brigade is preparing for its upcoming deployment to Iraq late this summer.

**1st Sustainment Brigade**, formerly called Division Support Command, converted and modularized in February 2007. The headquarters is preparing for its upcoming deployment this summer. The unit has approximately 360 Soldiers currently assigned.





## UPCOMING POST EVENTS

For more information on these activities, visit [www.riley.army.mil](http://www.riley.army.mil) and click on the "Events" calendar

- 3/28 [Permanent Change of Station Briefing - Stateside - March 28](#)  
[Ages & Stages Assessment](#)
- 3/30 [Kansas Living History Day](#)
- 4/3 [2nd Annual Advisory Council for Military Education \(ACME\) Forum](#)
- 4/4 [Permanent Change of Station - South Korea - April 4](#)
- 4/5 [Fort Riley Career Expo](#)
- 4/6 [Discover Riley's Treasures - April 6](#)
- 4/10 [Sponsorship Training - April 10](#)
- 4/11 [Permanent Change of Station Briefing - Germany - April 11](#)

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS EVENTS

These events are open to the public. For more information, call the Community Relations Office at (785) 239-2022.

**Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard** will participate in the following events:

<b>March 30</b> <b>9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.</b>	<a href="#">Kansas Living History Day</a> Havensville
<b>March 31</b> <b>1 to 2 p.m.</b>	<a href="#">Scout Riley Day</a> Cavalry Parade Field, Fort Riley
<b>April 21-22</b> <b>Throughout the day</b>	<a href="#">Civil War on the Border</a> Olathe

**1st Infantry Division Band** will participate in the following events:

<b>April 29</b> <b>Noon to 2 p.m.</b>	Abilene Community Mingle Eisenhower Park Bandshell
<b>May 7</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	City of Lenexa 100-year Celebration Lenexa
<b>May 9</b> <b>Evening</b>	Phillipsburg Jazz Band Event Huck Boyd Center

### **Fort Riley speakers**

<b>April 3</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	Union Program Council Forum Lt. Col. Dave Seigel and Capt. Will Arnett, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, will speak about their Operation Iraqi Freedom experiences. K-State Student Union
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## CEREMONIES & EVENTS

You are invited to attend the following ceremonies and events.

For more information, call the Community Relations Office at (785) 239-2022.

- **March 27** — Transition Team Class 16B deployment ceremony, 4 p.m., Long Gym
- **April 8** — Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m., Outdoor Chapel
- **April 12** — Transition Team Class 17 deployment ceremony, 2 p.m., Long Gym
- **April 16** — Fort Riley Volunteer Recognition, 7 p.m., Riley's Conference Center
- **April 17** — 3rd Bde., 1st AD transformation ceremony, 10 a.m., Cavalry Parade Field
- **April 17** — 24th Transportation Co., 2-2 HET and 266th Movement Control Team deployment ceremony, 3 p.m., Cavalry Parade Field
- **April 18** — Days of Remembrance Observance, 11:45 a.m., Riley's Conference Center
- **April 22** — Spring Tour of Homes, 3-7 p.m., Main Post
- **April 24** — 116th MP Co. deployment ceremony, 2 p.m., Cavalry Parade Field
- **April 27** — Transition Team Class 18W deployment ceremony, 2 p.m., Long Gym
- **May 1** — Transition Team Class 18A deployment ceremony, 2 p.m., Long Gym
- **May 7** — Transition Team Class 18B deployment ceremony, 2 p.m., Long Gym
- **May 9** — Post Graduation, 1 p.m., Riley's Conference Center
- **May 10** — Transition Team Class 19 deployment ceremony, 2 p.m., Long Gym

## FORT RILEY NEWS

For more information, visit [www.1id.army.mil](http://www.1id.army.mil) and click on "News" under Public Affairs

### Tanks return to Fort Riley

The morning of March 2 may have been cold and windy, but that didn't stop the civilian contractors at the Camp Funston railhead from unloading almost 200 armored vehicles returning to Fort Riley's 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

### Pittard highlights TT role in Iraq

BAGHDAD – The commander of the Iraq Assistance Group addresses the media Sunday about the evolving role of the coalition transition teams embedded with Iraqi Security Forces.

### 4th Brigade settles into Iraq

FORWARD OPERATING BASE FALCON, Iraq — The 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division officially took over for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division in a transfer of authority ceremony here March 8.

## TRAINING ITEMS OF INTEREST

We know our training can have an effect on you. We will try to keep you as informed as we can on upcoming training exercises you could see or hear.

- **April 2-20:** 2-1 and 3-1 Aviation will train at Smoky Hill Air National Guard range in Salina
- **April 2-26:** 601st Aviation Support Battalion convoy live fire and field training exercises at the Multipurpose Range Complex

## EMPLOYMENT/CONTRACTING

Federal job information at Fort Riley is available on the internet. For information about the variety of opportunities, visit the employment Web site at <http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/Fort/EmploymentOpp.asp>

There are two primary Federal employment Programs: **Appropriated Fund** (APF or Civil Service) and **Non-Appropriated Fund** (NAF). **APF and NAF Vacancies** are listed at the Army Civilian Personnel Online at [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil). Or call the local Civilian Personnel Office at (785) 239-6004 for more information.

The Directorate of Contracting provides a list of active

contracts, as well as Fort Riley area construction business opportunities and information on submitting bids. For more information, visit <http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/Fort/Contracting.asp>

AAFES (Army and Air Force Exchange Service) employment opportunities are available. Visit <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/default.asp> for more information.

Stay InTouch with Fort Riley. E-mails about upcoming job opportunities are available by visiting <http://www.riley.army.mil/view/article.asp?id=013-2005-02-08-47167-2> and joining the InTouch list.

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